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In re Application of: Parnell, et al.

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AMENDMENT

IN RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 23, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

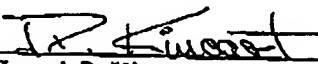
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CONCLUSION

Allowance of this application, as amended, is courteously urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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